

New York - 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1852.

My dear Gray - By Adams' Express, of this date, I forward you a package, containing, as follows,

1. A small lot of duplicates, which I dedicate, with all love (& Fraternity!) to such B. F., amongst your friends, as the same doth, or may concern.
2. Your specimen of *Carex Boottiana*, which I return, with thanks, & "in like good order & well conditioned"
3. Some half dozen things, for your own Herbar, as to some of which I desire your *Nota exigetia*.
4. A little Package, for Boott, which please hand to his son, with a request that he will forward it the first opportunity he may have.
5. Index Caricum in Herbario Gray - which you should have had long since, but that I knew you did not need it - for the present. You will note some interlineations, & other sins, against neatness, but I prepared it from my rough mem<sup>a</sup>. of your Collec<sup>n</sup>, & to say the truth, after having written out slips for the index, my spirit failed or rather my eyes grumbled, at the thoughts of making out a fair copy - I think the enumeration may contain some 2 or 3 species you have not got, as my memory is not now so clear, on the subject, as - "it used to was", but I think I have included all your papers, which is the main point, & if you ever miss any of those enumerated - why, you can conclude that I scribbled them! which will explain the hiatus, & be consolatory.

6th. & lastly. A Desmodium & Alyssum? out of my own Herb. (& to be returned there, some day, if you are as honest as you ought to be!) to which my remarks are attached, & as to which I beg to be enlightened.

I believe the above is a sufficient invoice of my package, which I commend to your attention, accordingly - as a Merchant, might say.

Yesterday, I called on Bridges who showed me some matters which may interest you, & I made mem<sup>a</sup>. as follows,

1. Boty. of H. M. S. Herato - 1<sup>st</sup> part. \$3. - there are to be 10 parts. - I enclose a prospectus.
2. Memoires sur la famille des fougères - (3<sup>me</sup> & 4<sup>me</sup> mem<sup>a</sup>. (together) \$3.75. par A. L. A. Fée - It is in large folio, & the plates in lithog. Bridges has not got the 2 first mem<sup>a</sup>. The genus Vittaria fills 1 mem<sup>a</sup>.
3. Vegetable Physiology - (in German, altogether) by Dr. Herman Schlect - Berlin 1852 - 1 vol. 8vo \$5-25¢. the plates are in lithog. coloured -

I have seen Dr. Hart two or three times - He is now on a (short) visit - (the pun is an accident, upon honour!) to a friend in N. Jersey, & will return hither en route for Kentucky. He regrets extremely that he did not see you when at Boston, as he made no less than four unsuccessful efforts to do so - He is a very kind & courteous

man - of (about) 60 yrs. of age, or, possibly, rather more. He says that your Hypericum (colabrifolium) is certainly nothing but H. sphaerocarpon - which, since "found, make a note on"

I saw Carrey, last week, who was expecting his family home - He thinks both Maggie & Eliza greatly improved by their trip - especially Eliza -

I believe I have now said my say, for this time, & as eyes are more to me now, than formerly, I shall only add kind love to both of you, & conclude.

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I met Mr. P. Jackson, in Broadway, last week, to my, no little, surprise - but he had just arrived, he said, & was about departing, so I had no chance of seeing further of him.

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